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All hands but 1 were well when the vessel left port. On the passage to Barbados, from December 2 to January 10, 1903, 6 cases of sickness developed, 1 of which terminated fatally. The corpse was buried at sea, and the bedding of the deceased thrown overboard.

While at Barbados 5 of the crew sickened; 2 of these cases were sent to the hospital with all their belongings.

January 20, 1904, on the way to Pensacola, the second mate was taken ill and died ten days later, about 300 miles offshore. His body, which the captain brought into port for burial, was interred in the station cemetery. No necropsy was held. Another of the sailors, who had been taken ill on January 21, suffering from enteric fever, was removed to the quarantine hospital.

No definite data can be obtained regarding the sickness prevailing on this vessel during the voyage, but it is believed to have been mainly in the nature of enteric disturbances, probably due to contamination of the drinking water obtained at East London, which is notoriously bad.

Smallpox at Cairo, Ill.

The following is received from Assistant Surgeon Berry under date of February 5:

Since my letter of January 21, 1904, reporting 4 cases of smallpox at Cairo, there have been 9 more, bringing up the total for 1904 to 13 cases. All cases are mild, and no deaths have occurred as yet. Two of the cases have been negroes, the rest whites. The health officer informs me that the probable infection in 1 case was from Fulton, Ky., and in another from Poplar Bluff, Mo.; in the other cases from local infection. The cases occur among the unvaccinated.

It seems that in this part of the country the unvaccinated are not numerous enough to furnish sufficient material for an epidemic, and they are not few enough to let the epidemic die out altogether. Cases continue to crop up from time to time here and in the surrounding towns and country.

Measles on steamship State of Maine at Portland, Me.

The following is received from Surgeon McIntosh, at Portland, Me., under date of February 11:

Two cases of measles have been taken from the steamer *State of Maine*, one about ten days ago and one to-day. On both occasions the apartments occupied by patients have been fumigated, as agents of line requested that this be done.

Under the laws of this State measles is classed as one of the diseases dangerous to public health and cases are required to be isolated and their personal effects disinfected.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

The following telegram has been received from Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, at Laredo, Tex.:

FEBRUARY 15, 1904.

Summary report week ended February 13. Fumigated in the city 4 houses containing 11 rooms; along the Texas-Mexican Railroad from

5 to 12 miles out 24 houses containing 39 rooms. This morning sent the fumigating force to Aguilares and Ojuelos by wagon and heavier disinfecting material by rail.

Yellow fever and scarlet fever at Laredo in January, 1904—Measles at Encinal, Tex.

Reported by Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, February 5:

Two cases of yellow fever occurred at this station for month of January, 1904, 1 case occurring on January 2 and 1 case on January 5; also 1 case of scarlet fever in January.

Doctor Hamilton reports quite a number of cases of measles at Encinal, Tex., about 40 miles north of Laredo, on the International and Great Northern Railroad.

Mortality at Laredo, month of January, 1904.

Nephritis	1	Prolonged childbirth	1
Stillbirths	4	Croupous bronchitis	1
Neuralgia of the heart	1	Influenza	2
Infantile convulsions	1	Enteritis	1
Chronic hypertrophic cirrhosis	1	Bronchitis	1
Anæmia	1	Capillary bronchitis	1
Acute bronchitis	1	Phthisis pulmonalis	8
Violence	1	Paralysis	2
Entero-colitis	2	Convulsions	1
Trismus nascentium	1	Pleuro-pneumonia	1
Traumatic pneumonia	1	Gastritis and old age	1
Pneumonia	1	Marasmus	1
Hemorrhage (shock)	1	Bladder tumor	1
Bright's disease	1	Cause unknown	1
Senility	1		

Mortality rate, 35.71.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, February 6, as follows:

	Week ended Feb. 6.
Persons inspected	308
Persons held	0
Pullman cars fumigated	7

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports, February 6, as follows:
Week ended February 6, 1904.

Mexican Central passengers inspected, 173; Mexican immigrants inspected, 95; inspection of Mexican laborers imported in bond for Mexican States on boundary New Mexico, Arizona, and lower California, 80; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 412 pieces; vaccination of immigrant children, 12.